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Beware of extortionists in the guise of giving lift !

Miscreants take Bengaluru-bound Engineer on a 'drive' around city

Loot gold, withdraw cash from ATM at knife-point

Victim Madhu Vikas

Mysuru, Jan. 14 (RK&KS)- Even as the incident of a tourist guide being assaulted and robbed by a gang of miscreants on the pretext of offering a lift to him in their car is still fresh in the minds of people, an engineer from city too was robbed of his valuables at knife-point by three persons in the guise of giving a drop to him yesterday morning.

The victim is 33-year-old Madhu Vikas, son of late Basavanna, a resident of Gowrishankar Nagar in city and an employee of MICO in Bengaluru. Though Madhu resides in Bengaluru, he had come to Mysuru 15 days ago to conduct the obsequies of his deceased father.

The incident: Early yesterday morning, Madhu was waiting for a bus to Bengaluru at the exit point of Suburban Bus Stand, when the three miscreants, who came in a Swift Dzire car, told the waiting passengers that the car was proceeding to Bengaluru and offered lift. As soon as Madhu heard the word 'Bengaluru,' he immediately jumped into the car without thinking twice and without noting down its registration number. As there were three persons including the driver inside the car, Madhu thought that the other two were passengers to Bengaluru and sat on the rear seat of the car.

(See LIFT on page 9)

Stranger barges into house, stabs home-maker

Mysuru, Jan. 14 (SBD&KS)- A stranger, who barged into a house in city in broad daylight yesterday, stabbed a home-maker and fled from the spot when she screamed for help. The victim is 32-year-old Ramya.

The incident took place at the house on 4th Cross, North Road in Krishnamurthypuram. The victim is admitted to a private hospital, where she is said to be out of danger.

A native of Chamarajanagar, Ramya had shifted to Mysuru for her children's education and had taken a house on rent at Krishnamurthypuram just one-and-a-half-months ago. She was staying with her two children and grandmother. She had told the house owner that her husband was working in Bengaluru.

Yesterday, when her children had gone to school, she was alone in the house as her grandmother had gone to the native place a few days ago. At about 12.30 pm, someone knocked the door. When Ramya opened the door, an unidentified man barged in and stabbed her repeatedly. When she tried to stop him, Ramya got injured on her hands too.

Ramya, who was bleeding profusely, began to scream for help. The neighbours, who heard her cries, rushed to her help but the unidentified man fled from the spot on his bike by the time the help arrived. The neighbours, who saw Ramya lying in a pool of blood on the frontal steps of her house, rushed her to a private hospital nearby.

(See HOME-MAKER on page 8)

HOLIDAY

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Mysuru, Tuesday 14th January 2020

Reality of *Realty*

Having immovable property as one's asset, first in the form of a residential site and then a dwelling to live in comfort without any hassles, including the burden of rent steadily soaring, is an important agenda of every urban resident, triggering the buzz in real estate business in cities of all classes, including many towns which are expanding to city status. Mysuru, the then small city Mysore, hosting a population that could be counted in thousands until a few decades ago, unlike the present counting in lakhs, comprised a handful of areas with clear territorial boundaries that qualified to be classified as villages, with their residents engaged mostly on agriculture, rearing livestock, traditional trades and meeting the daily needs of the residents pursuing other callings, gradually morphing Mysore of old to its present Mysuru, with its former village-like areas having vanished into thin air. Thanks to advances in materials such as cement as well as steel and technologies of constructing buildings, accompanied by economic prosperity of the residents, along with influx from other regions of the country, Mysuru's realty has already changed the city's skyline after occupying land on which stood food crops and plants bearing fruits and flowers.

With the steady rise in the city's population, the number of its residents in pursuit of owning residential and commercial property, has crossed the limit of satisfying even a part of that number, resulting in the authorities resorting to change former agricultural lands in the vicinity of the city into layouts for raising dwellings. We are well into the era of high rise structures.

Single-storeyed structures, both as residences of Mysureans and rows of shops trading in their necessities, as the elderly sections in their eighties can recollect, contributed to the city's charming image, now a part of its history. That *reality* of Mysore's past *realty* is now a casualty. The sprawling lands, both amidst the residences of Mysoreans of decades ago and in its immediate surroundings provided more than adequate green cover with full-grown trees and plants reared by the residents themselves, now looking grey of the concrete mass of structures, the second present reality created by the booming real estate activity. The civic body of the then Mysore never had it so good in both water supply and keeping the city free from garbage, now both gone out of hands, a reality that no Mysureans can miss.

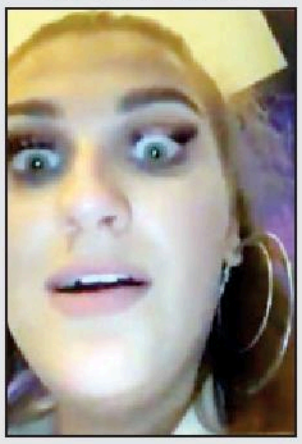
Restricted space for this column not permitting a narrative to mention many other realities of the city's unabated realty sector, the most worrisome reality is the gobbling up of vast-areas of Mysuru's green land by real estate, from which there are no signs of redemption in days ahead, with the equation more people in Mysuru and more dwellings to house them. Land?

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Why have debt defaults of gigantic proportions become commonplace everywhere? How is it that globally, the debtors get away with defaults so easily? Until just three decades ago, the domestic defaulter was allowed to go bankrupt and all his possessions were sold off. If necessary, he or she went to jail. International debt default punishment was similar. The defaulting country was crucified, along with its people. In the case of Latin America in the early 1980s and East Asia in the late 1900s, practically entire continents were impaled. Soon debtors started getting off relatively lightly while creditors tonsured the taxpayer to get back as much as they could. People who were not parties to the contracts were made to pay. Default thus became an option, if not actually attractive. *— TCA Srinivasa Raghavan in Business Standard*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Girl's eyelashes ripped by double-ended dildo



England: A girl's eyelashes were ripped out after a double-ended dildo hit her in the face.

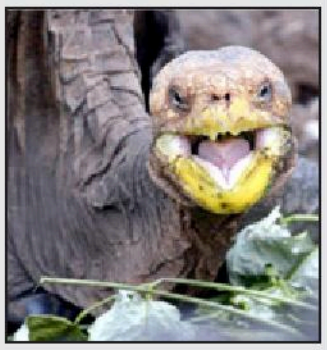
Tegan Denham documented the bizarre mishap in a hilarious video - in which she explained how her lash extensions were ripped from her eyes.

She told how the sex toy had whacked her in the face as she danced at Bongo's Bingo.

In the clip, which went viral after she posted it to social media, Tegan looked shocked as she peered down at her bare eyelids.

Tegan Denham was left without eyelashes and a black eye following the double-ended dildo hitting her in the face.

100-year-old tortoise retires after making 800 species-saving babies



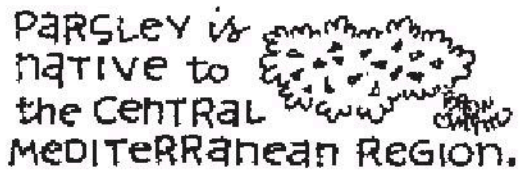
Espanola Island: A 100-year-old Galapagos giant tortoise, who is also a sex god, is retiring after helping to save his endangered species by siring some 800 babies.

Diego was one of the last two males of the Chelonoidis hoodensis of Espanola Island in the Galapagos. However, since a captive breeding program began nearly half a century ago with the last dozen females of the species, some 2,000 turtles have been brought back to the island. Diego is father to 800 of them — or some 40 percent of the total.

Diego, who previously spent 30 years at the San Diego Zoo, is currently in quarantine and will be released back into Española. While it might seem like Diego will ease into retirement, some reported that he could have a good 20 years or more left, not to mention more in the tank.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

Can I eat too much Parsley?



Consuming large amounts of Parsley can bring on unwanted side effects including: Anaemia, liver or kidney problems as well as allergic skin reactions. Talk to your doctor if you have diabetes, fluid retention, high blood pressure or kidney disease as Parsley may cause side effects with these conditions.

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Children present skit on cleanliness

The students of Sphatika Vidhyalaya Montessori Academy, V.V. Mohalla — Harshith, Jhansi, Raksha and Manvitha — presented a skit creating awareness on cleanliness, during the Fourth Annual Day celebrations of the School recently.

Nominated to VTU Executive Council

Mysuru, Jan. 14- Dr. Syed Shakeeb-ur-Rahman, former Principal, Sri Jayachamarajendra College of Engineering (SJCE) and Dean, Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU), has been Co-opted as Member of the Executive Council of VTU, for a record fourth term, recognising his contribution towards development of VTU.

Dr. Rahman has also served VTU as a Member of the Academic Senate and Chairman, Board of Studies, Civil Engineering, for two terms during 2007 and 2013.

Really...?

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Man: *Before opening the shop!!*

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1 UK Pound	= Rs. 92.01
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VOICE OF THE READER

Mysuru, most ideal place to establish Film City, NOT Bengaluru

Sir,

It is unfortunate that Mysuru is losing out to Bengaluru on the 'Film City' bargain *(Star of Mysore* dated Jan. 9). The flimsy reason stated by the concerned Minister that Bengaluru is known for its talent in animation works of films is not at all convincing enough for changing the earlier decision of setting up the Film City in Mysuru.

Further, if the Government's intention is to develop a cultural centre for the entire country to be proud of, then the most ideal place to establish the Film City is Mysuru, the cultural capital of Karnataka. Bengaluru is already facing the greatest chaos in traffic jams, pollution and failed infrastructural facilities including water-logging during rainy seasons and it is a gigantic concrete jungle making it one of the least liveable cities in our country.

Sooner or later it will become another Delhi in traffic jams and pollution. If it has to retain the once adored name of Garden City of our country, it got to decongest the city by shifting at least 50% of its establishments to other places, thereby it could considerably restrict the inflow of the floating population entering into the city.

In short, the Government must see reasons and retain the decision of setting up the Film City in the cultural capital of our State, Mysuru.

—P. Rajan

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Children's Literary Club Director to "Inspire Students"

Mysuru, Jan. 14- Dr. R. Purnima, Director, Children's Literary Club, has been invited by Rotary Club, Shivamogga, to deliver a talk to students on the topic "Inspire Students to Respect Multi-Branches of Knowledge", to interact with Rotarians and also to stage the English play "Stage Chemistry: Neuro-Psychiatric Disorders on Stage". Programmes are also arranged by the Rotary Club at Gnana Deepa School in Shivamogga and Government High School in Gajnur. A similar programme is also organised at Government High School, Siddara Mutt in Koppa Taluk between Jan. 19 and 23.

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Interaction on 'Recent Changes in Labour Laws' by NIPM

Mysuru, Jan. 14- National Institute of Personnel Management (NIPM), Mysore Chapter, is conducting a one-day interactive session on *'The Recent Changes in Labour Laws and its Future Challenges'* on Jan. 24 at Hotel Southern Star in city from 9.30 am. K. Srinivas, Director, Department of Factories, Boilers, Industrial Safety and Health, Government of Karnataka and Dr. G. Manjunath, Additional Labour Commissioner, will be the main speakers.

NIPM, Mysore, has called upon the industries in Mysuru district to participate. Those interested may fill the online form at *https://forms.gle/U6eh1tEEfVLB8ip17* or send nominations to *nipm.mysore4@gmail.com*.

For details and registration contact V. Badari on Mob: 99802- 87506 or B.L. Jagadish on Mob: 98451 14589

City Urologist to Chair three Sessions at USICON-2020

Dr. Raghavendra

Mysuru, Jan. 14- Urologist Dr. M. Raghavendra of Apollo BGS Hospital has been invited to be Chairperson for three Sessions at the 53rd Annual Conference of Urological Society of India (USICON-2020) to be held at Lulu Convention Centre, Bolgatty Island, Kochi, from Jan. 23 to 26. At this National Conference, he will be the Chairperson for the following Sessions:

Jan. 23: Session III USI Genito-Urinary Pathology/ Bladder Cancer; **Jan. 25:** Session V USI- Blue Neem - Hands on - How to weave a Basket and **Jan. 26:** Session VII USI Teleflex.

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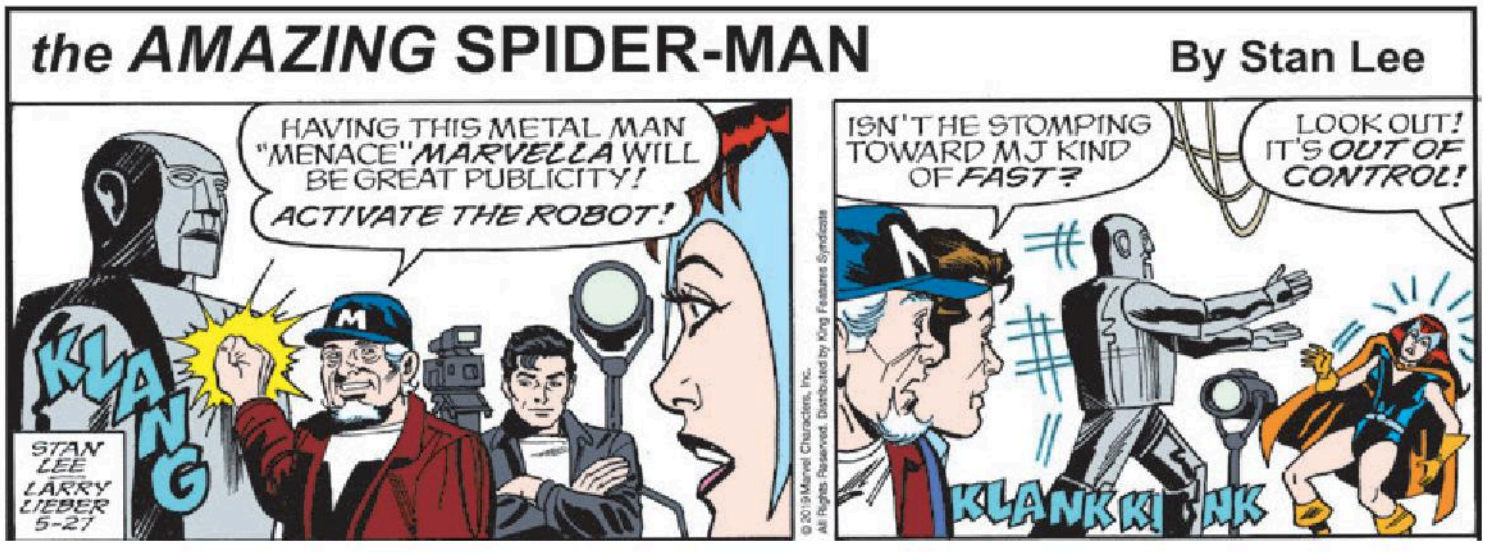
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NEWS BRIEFS

Laksha Deepothsava at Ayyappa Temple

Sabarimala Sree Ayyappa Pooja Samithi has organised Laksha Deepothsava at Sree Ayyappa Swamy and Sree Guruvayurappan Temple, foot of Chamundi Hill, tomorrow (Jan.15) at 6.15 pm, on the occasion of Makara Sankranti. Sri Someshwaranatha Swamiji of Sri Adichunchanagiri Mahasamstana Mutt, Mysuru branch, will inaugurate. District Minister V. Somanna will be the chief guest. MP Pratap Simha, MLAs S.A. Ramdas and L. Nagendra, former MP C.H. Vijayashankar, former MLA M.K. Somashekar and Corporator Puttalingamma will be the guests of honour. Y.R. Nagendra Rao and party from Mysuru will render Sri Ayyappa Swamy devotional songs at 5.30 pm.

Theatre and Folk Arts Training

Desiranga Samskrutika Samsthe, Mysuru, will be organising a 16-day Theatre and Karnataka Folk Arts Training Camp from Jan.21 to Feb.5 at Kalamandira premises. The camp is open for college students. Classes will be held daily from 4.30 pm to 6 pm. Noted theatre personalities and folk dance experts will be part of the camp. For registration, contact Mob: 98444-27129, according to a press release from the Samsthe.

Contests on Jan.25 and Feb.2

As part of Madhwa Purandarotsava, Srigowri Sangeetha Shale, in association with Sri Nyayamrutham Trust, will be organising Elocution, Quiz and Devotional Songs competitions at Sri Raghavendraswamy Mutt, opposite Shantala Theatre. While the Elocution and Quiz competitions will take place at 4 pm on Jan.25, the Devotional Songs contest will take place on Feb.2 at 1.30 pm. For registration, contact Mob. 99169-54433 or 90350-09035 or 99809-04996.

KRS Water Level

(Maximum : 124.80 feet)

Today	120.97 ft
Yesterday	121.10 ft
Inflow	372 cusecs
Outflow	2,137 cusecs

Kabini Level

(Maximum : 2,284.00 feet)

Today	2,277.35 ft
Inflow	324 cusecs
Outflow	00 cusecs

BJP takes out massive rally against Jesus Statue at Kanakapura

Senior RSS leader Kalladka Prabhakar Bhat (right) addressing the public meeting at Channabasappa Circle in Kanakapura yesterday.

Bengaluru, Jan.14- Chants of 'Jai Sri Ram' and 'Bharat Mata Ki Jai' rent the air as thousands of BJP, RSS and VHP workers, under the banner of Hindu Jagaran Vedike (HJV) took out a rally at Kanakapura in Ramanagara district on Monday against the proposed installation of a 114 ft. tall Jesus Christ statue atop Kapala Betta (Hill) in Kanakapura taluk.

The rally began from Ayyappaswamy Temple and concluded with a public meeting at Channabasappa Circle in Kanakapura.

Senior RSS leader Kalladka Prabhakar Bhat led the rally. Addressing the gathering, Prabhakar Bhat claimed that the people living in and around Kapala Hill do not want Jesus statue.

Wondering why a statue of Basavanna or Vishvesha Theertha Swamiji or Balagangadharanatha Swamiji, who have contributed to the nation, is not being installed at the site, Bhat accused Congress leader D.K. Shivakumar, who is also the Kanakapura MLA, of going ahead with the installation of Jesus statue just to please his leader Sonia Gandhi.

Accusing Shivakumar of playing politics for votes and notes, Bhat alleged that Kapala Betta, originally known as 'Muneshwara Hill,' was being appropriated with ulterior motives by Christian Missionaries and the same was being encouraged by Shivakumar.

Maintaining that the rally was just the beginning and more protests would follow if the plan to install Jesus statue was not dropped, he said that the rally was the countdown for the political downfall of D.K. Shivakumar and his MP brother D.K. Suresh. Bhat further said that the HJV will meet at Kolar on Jan.26 to decide the future course of action.

Prabhakar Bhat, who later visited the Hill, alleged that stone slabs from Muneshwara Temple were being used to build Jesus statue atop the Hill.

Kanakapura MLA and former Congress Minister D.K. Shivakumar had symbolically laid the foundation for the statue on Dec.25 last marking Christmas.

'I am shivering with fear'

says Shivakumar in a sarcastic remark

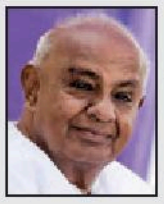
'I am shivering with fear' was senior Congress leader D.K. Shivakumar's jest on the rally the HJV and Sangh Parivar held at Kanakapura on Monday.

Stating that anyone can come to Kanakapura and his *Dharma* was not to stop anyone from coming, Shivakumar said that he had asked his supporters and party workers not to say or do anything.

Pointing out that when the Congress was in power, he had petitioned the Archbishop, following which Christian community members gave five acres of land on Magadi Road for Kempegowda Authority, Shivakumar alleged that the BJP was only doing politics as it thinks that the rally may do some good for their party in Ramanagara district.

H.D. Deve Gowda slams BJP

Meanwhile, JD(S) Supremo and former PM H.D. Deve Gowda has come down heavily on BJP for its 'Kanakapura Chalo' rally taken out on Monday.



Speaking to press persons, Deve Gowda accused BJP of attacking Churches and burning the Bible. Pointing out that India is a secular nation having all religions, he said that he won't find fault with what Shivakumar wants to do. The Congress leader may have decided to install a Jesus Christ statue atop Kapala Betta and JD(S) don't have a problem with it, he added.

Fake vehicle insurance racket busted

Insurance agent arrested; Fake insurance came to be known only after the insurer applied for claims following an accident

Hunsur, Jan.14 (KK&KS)- Hunsur Police have busted a fake vehicle insurance racket by arresting a person who had issued the fake insurance.

Mohammed Vikar

The accused is 23-year-old Mohammed Vikar, a resident of NES Colony in Hunsur, who runs New India Insurance Zone shop on Gokula Road here.

Many vehicle owners used to come to Vikar's shop either to get a new insurance done or renew the old insurance. Vikar used to receive money from them and give them insurance bonds with the insurance company's code mentioned in the bond.

Recently, one Shivaraju of Yashodhapura village met with an accident. He had got the vehicle insured at Vikar's shop.

Following the accident, Shivaraju had applied for claims from the insurance company towards the damages caused to his bike and had affixed the insurance bond along with the claim application. But New India Assurance Company's Divisional Senior Manager Sumangala identified the insurance bond as fake and lodged a complaint at Hunsur Town Police Station.

Inspector K.C. Poovaiah and Sub-Inspector Mahesh, who conducted investigation, came to know about the racket, raided Vikar's shop and arrested him.

The Police have also seized many fake documents and equipment used to create fake insurance bonds. The accused was produced before a Magistrate, who remanded him (accused) to judicial custody.

Check your insurance by scanning the QR code

Hunsur Inspector K.C. Poovaiah said that vehicle owners could check whether their vehicle insurance is genuine or fake by scanning the QR code printed in the insurance bond and added that one could download the 'OR Code Scanner' app on their android phone from the Play Store.

He further said that the insurance bond would be identified as fake only when the insurer applies for claims after accident and added that every insurance bond has a QR Code printed on it and the public could come to know about the originality of the insurance bond by scanning the QR Code.

CM in dilemma as newly elected MLAs press for Cabinet berth

Bengaluru, Jan.14 (KMS&DM)- With newly elected MLAs exerting relentless pressure for sooner inclusion in the Cabinet, Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa (BSY) is said to be in a dilemma over Cabinet expansion.

Yediyurappa

As the BJP High Command is yet to give nod for Cabinet expansion despite repeated pleas, a miffed Yediyurappa may take his own decision on expanding his Cabinet by inducting all the eleven MLAs who won the by-polls held in December last, according to a source.

Amidst speculations about Cabinet expansion, Yediyurappa, who spoke to press persons at Bengaluru before leaving for Raichur on Monday, said that there is no link between Delhi Assembly Polls and Cabinet expansion.

Maintaining that whatever is being reported in the media about Cabinet expansion are mere speculations, the CM said that he was ready to visit Delhi if BJP National President Amit Shah gives him an appointment for discussing Cabinet expansion.

However, he was hopeful that Cabinet expansion will take place before he leaves for Davos on Jan. 19 or at the end of this month, Yediyurappa said.

Pointing out that Amit Shah will be visiting the State on Jan.17 and 18, BSY said that he will discuss Cabinet expansion with him and expressed confidence that the expansion may take place after Shah's visit.

Replying to a question on senior leader A.H. Vishwanath's assertion that all the 17 MLAs from the Congress and JD(S) who quit leading to the collapse of the Coalition Government will get Cabinet berths, Yediyurappa said that the party High Command will decide on that.

Meanwhile, the newly elected MLAs are said to be frustrated over the prolonged delay in Cabinet expansion. Asserting that they have been made to wait for too long after winning the by-polls, these Legislators are said to have set Jan.20 deadline for Cabinet expansion.

Claiming that it was their resignation as Congress and JD(S) MLAs that triggered the collapse of the Coalition Government, they urged the Chief Minister to keep his word and induct them into the Cabinet within a couple of days after *Sankranti*.

BSY to leave for Davos on Jan.19

Bengaluru, Jan.14- Even as the issue of Cabinet expansion is haunting him, with all newly elected MLAs as well as defeated MLAs pressing for Cabinet berths, Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa (BSY) is all set to leave for Davos in Switzerland for attending a global economic summit.

With the political coup of Congress and JD(S) Legislators quitting when the then Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy was away in USA to attend a Kannada Conference in July last still fresh in his mind, Yediyurappa was earlier reluctant to leave abroad. But the Prime Minister's office is said to have persuaded to attend the summit, considering its importance in attracting investors to Karnataka on a large scale.

Following direction from the PMO, Yediyurappa will leave for Davos from Bengaluru on the night of Jan.19. With the CM leaving for Davos, the Cabinet expansion, which was expected to take place just after *Sankranti* will in all probability be delayed further, causing heartburn among the aspirants.

Register drones by Jan.31 or face action: Aviation Ministry

New Delhi, Jan.14- The Aviation Ministry announced a scheme on Monday asking operators to voluntarily register their drones by January 31. The Ministry said that those who fail to register will face action under the Indian Penal Code (IPC) and Aircraft Act.

The Ministry said in a notification, "The presence of such drones as well as drone operators has come to the notice of the Government which do not comply with the CAR (Civil Aviation Requirements). In order to facilitate the identification of civil drones and drone operators, a one-time opportunity for voluntary disclosure of such drones and drone operators is being provided... All persons in possession of drones are required to complete the process (of online registration) by January 31, 2020."

This notification comes days after top Iranian Commander General Qassem Soleimani was killed in a US drone attack. He was leaving the Baghdad Airport when the US Military fired missiles, killing him on Jan. 3.

A senior Indian Government official said that the attack "precipitated the Government to take action to regulate hundreds of non-compliant drones" that are operating in the country. "What happened at Gatwick Airport in December 2018 was already there on our mind," the official said.

The number of illegal drones in India is likely to be between 50,000 and 60,000, Co-Chair of a FICCI Committee on Drones, Ankit Mehta, had said on October 22 last year.

The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) on August 27, 2018, had issued the CAR to regulate the use of civilian drones in the Indian airspace.

Under these regulations, a process has been prescribed for drone operators to obtain Unique Identification Number (UIN), Unmanned Aircraft Operator Permit (UAOP) and other permissions.

Called the "No Permission-No Take Off" regulation, a drone operator has to use the DGCA's software programme DigiSky to obtain valid permissions before operating drones in India.

In the notice issued on Monday, the Ministry said, "On successful submission of voluntary disclosure of possessing drone, a Drone Acknowledgement Number (DAN) and an Ownership Acknowledgement Number (OAN) will be issued online which will help in validation of operation of drones in India."

However, the DAN and the OAN do not confer any right to operate drones in India if it does not fulfil the DGCA's drone regulations, the Ministry clarified.

Pakistan High Court annuls Gen. Musharraf's death sentence

Says Special Court formation 'unconstitutional'

Islamabad, Jan. 14 (UNI)- Pakistan's Lahore High Court on Monday termed the formation of a Special Court that issued death sentence to former President Gen. Pervez Musharraf "unconstitutional."

Musharraf appealed in the Court in December 2019, against the death sentence verdict, seeking the Court to dismiss the Special Court's judgement against him for being illegal, without jurisdiction and unconstitutional.

On hearing Musharraf's petition, the Court also said that the treason case against the former President in which he was sentenced to death was not prepared in accordance with the law.

Though the three-member Bench of the High Court did not issue any statement regarding the validity of the Special Court's verdict of sentencing Musharraf to death, the petitioner's Counsel said that the decision stands void as the very formation of the Special Court that gave the judgement has been declared unconstitutional, as it violated Articles 10-A, 4, 5, 10 and 10-A of the Constitution.

Pervez Musharraf

At present, the former Pakistan Army Chief is in Dubai, UAE.

against the law.

The Bench, comprising Justices Syed Mazahar Ali Akbar Naqvi, Mohammad Ameer Bhatti and Chaudhry Masood Jahangir, delivered the verdict unanimously.

Musharraf was handed over the death penalty on Dec. 17, 2019 by a Special Court in Islamabad, on a case filed by the erstwhile PML-N Pakistani Government in 2013, for suspending the Constitution, by imposing Emergency in the country in 2007.

In his petition, the former President had requested the High Court to set aside the Special Court's verdict for being illegal, without jurisdiction and uncon-

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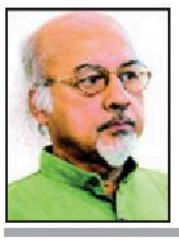
Warning: A New Generation Rises



Point of VIEW

T.J.S. George

What is happening to our country? Suddenly, it is a ship drifting in a storm, rudderless and captainless. The brutality that was unleashed in JNU last week was unprecedented, more in-your-face than the violence that recently rocked Jamia Milia and Aligarh. The goons, who beat up students and teachers at JNU, were masked. But the Hindu Rashtra Dal assumed responsibility for the violence, confirming that Hindutva zealots were the ringleaders. The Government backed them by keeping the Police inactive. When the Police moved, it was to switch off the streetlights, perhaps to facilitate the movements of the hooligans. Not a single attacker was taken into custody. Worse, they filed charges against the Students' Union leader who had been wounded in the head by a lathi blow.

Never has a Government been so anti-people in India. For that matter, never has India seen an uprising of people as spontaneous as the one that is currently shaking it. Young people from across the land have risen with the demand that they be heard. The citizenship law provoked protests that took everyone by surprise. The protests were not organised by anyone in particular; groups of young people went out on their own, thus adding to the significance of the nationwide uprising. It is clear that people have become disillusioned with the existing order. They want change. They want action such as the removal of JNU's Vice-Chancellor Jagadesh Kumar whose talent is confined to turning students into enemies.

Foolish Government leaders imagine that people's movements can be crushed by force. The UP Government has been more foolish than others. It has been vicious as well. The saffron-clad Chief Minister, in his drive to make the State a model for Hindutva, has been encouraging the Police to pick up Muslims for third-degree treatment. He threatened that his Government would take revenge *(badla)* by auctioning off the properties of protestors. Many citizens were sent notices demanding money to compensate for damages caused. Activists who were Muslim were singled out for special treatment. It is astonishing that there are politicians in this day and age who think they can be crudely communal and get away with it.

They won't succeed because India is no longer what they think it is. Young people across the country are showing that a New India is rising. Even UP will have to recognise this. Drama artiste Ratna Pathak put it magisterially in the course of a recent conversation with a young student. With a stage actor's clipped accent and clear-cut verbal punctuations, she said: "This is the first time a generation is actually seeing what it feels like to be misruled. Your generation is the first real generation that is feeling hopeless. How long will we carry on in this horrible state?" She was optimistic that things would work out right because "I have never seen so many educated people in India, and so many young educated people in India" working for a meaningful India.

Those in power do not want to accept this reality. They imagine that conflicts and clashes will bring about an ideological showdown that will facilitate the growth of Hindutva. Hence the support extended to militant forces, often surreptitiously and sometimes openly, by the Government. It's not just UP. Even the Centre seems ever ready to encourage confrontations. The violence in the country's famous campuses is a deliberate attempt to bring those centres of higher learning under the communal umbrella. The Central Government as much as the openly Hindutva lobbies see the countrywide opposition to the citizenship law as a challenge to their hegemonic ambitions. What they do not see is that the ruthlessness with which they oppose new forces in the country will only strengthen the resolve of the young protestors. Amit Shah-style threats do not wash with this generation.

Resistance will grow if Government persists with suppression policies. Don't forget that there are several States in India that are ruled by non-BJP Governments. Intolerance from Delhi may well accelerate the growth of resistance across the country. Not only will this weaken democracy in India with unpredictable consequences; it will noticeably reduce India's stock in the eyes of the world. This is already happening. Reports abroad are all about India becoming divisive and lost in narrow religious confrontationism.

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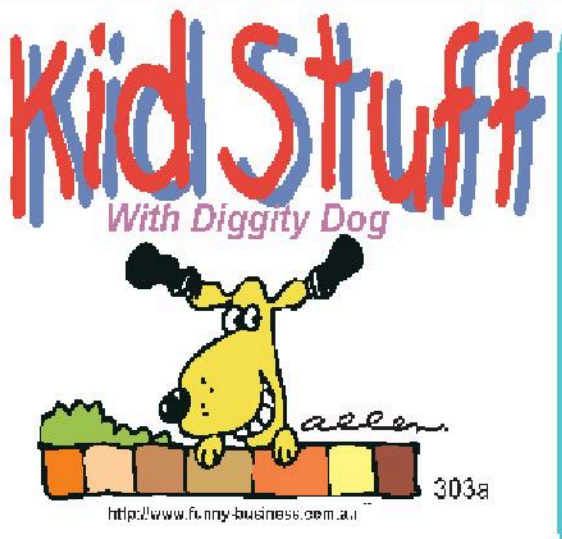

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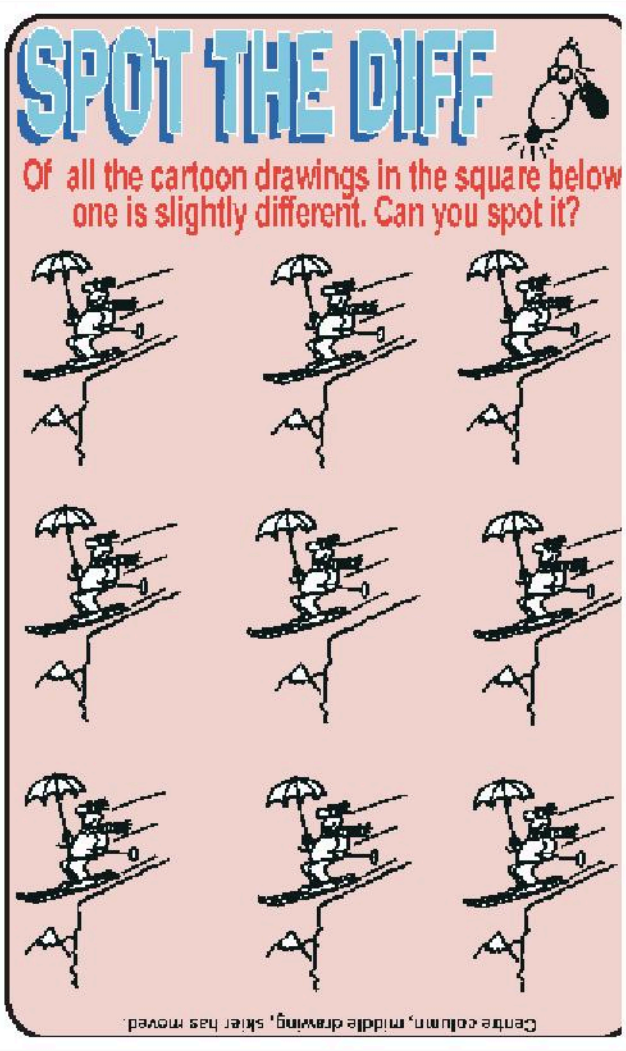
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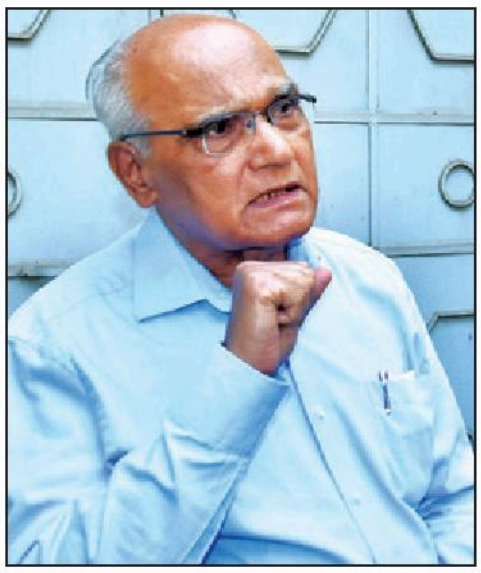
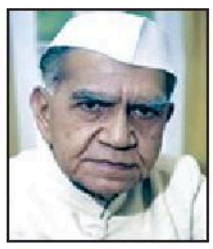
'Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed was made President of India as a reward for building Muslim vote-bank of illegal immigrants for Congress'



Thus spake Dr. S.L. Bhyrappa



Fakhruddin Ali

Acclaimed Novelist and *Saraswathi Samman* awardee Dr. S.L. Bhyrappa has said that Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed was made the President of India in return for his efforts to consolidate the Muslim vote-bank in favour of Congress party. Replying to questions by scribes at a press conference called at his residence in Kuvempunagar on Friday last, he said that although he did not desire publicity, he was compelled to speak on the raging controversy over Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) and strongly justified Prime Minister Narendra Modi's decision to implement the Act. *Excerpts...*

By Rajkumar Bhavasar

Don't you think BJP too is towing the Congress line in dividing Hindus and Muslims for votes?

Dr. S.L. Bhyrappa: Yes, the BJP too is towing the Congress tactics of divide and rule policy for the sake of power. All parties should come together for framing rules and regulations, follow the set guidelines and maintain discipline. Otherwise, there is a danger of parties competing with each other in doing what the other party did to remain in power. How can the system be cleansed if this trend continues?

You have said that all parties are one and the same. Then, according to you, what are the choices left for the voters and the citizens?

Dr. Bhyrappa: In my opinion, voters have no say in the elections. Political leaders indulge in influencing the voters through cash and caste. As such, the educated voters have turned indifferent as they believe that their candidate does not win even if they vote *en masse*. Hence, it has become necessary to cleanse the electoral system itself.

There were protests when Article 370 concerning Jammu and Kashmir was abrogated by the Centre. Wasn't abrogation of Article 370 a good decision? After the country gained Independence, Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed, a Congress leader from Assam, started bringing Muslims living in the then East Pakistan (now Bangladesh) to the country to work as labourers. The Congress too supported it as it thought that the illegal migrant labourers could become a vote-bank. Even as labourers continued to migrate from Bangladesh, Assam erupted in anguish and the Assamese people started a movement. But ignoring Assamese pride and sentiments, the then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi made Fakhruddin Ali the President of India. He followed the diktats of Indira Gandhi and signed the Emergency Declaration at midnight.

Don't you think Prime Minister Modi should have called a press meet to clarify on CAA?

Dr. Bhyrappa: There was no need for Prime Minister Modi to call a press meet and clarify. Modi has made known his mind on the issue through his monthly *'Mann Ki Baat'* and even his party colleagues have often clarified on CAA a number of times. Modi was unfairly targeted by media for the 2002 Gujarat riots when he was the Chief Minister of that State. Even after he was so targeted, Modi won the people's mandate and ruled Gujarat as the CM for almost 13 years. But still, the media continues to criticise him and as such, Modi does not want to interact directly with the Press. Modi is avoiding the Press as he has found other means of communicating and connecting with the people.

When Indira Gandhi was the Prime Minister, she used to take many presspersons and officials along with her whenever she went on foreign tours. She used to give them gifts to ensure that favourable reports were published in the Press regarding her foreign visits. But Modi is the one who does not follow all these antics and as such, he is being unfairly targeted. It is time, journalists too introspect themselves.

Is it not the responsibility of Modi to clear public misconception about CAA?

Dr. Bhyrappa: It is unfair for the journalists to target Modi alone on this issue. The Union Home Minister has clarified on the issue umpteen number of times and it is not necessary for Modi himself to clarify. Modi is a busy man and an intelligent man too. He is a person who always thinks about the Nation and as the Prime Minister of the country, **he has often clarified that Muslim citizens of the country will not be troubled by CAA.**

The Congress, which is mired in vote-bank politics, is opposing the Act for its selfish ends. It must be noted here that Muslims have many countries to go including Pakistan and as such, they can go to any Islamic country. In Saudi Arabia, Muslims are given preference in jobs as against non-Muslims. So there is no logic in granting citizenship to illegal Muslim immigrants in our country, exceptions apart. Although everyone knows about the issue, Modi is being particularly projected as communal. It is to be noted that Modi has diplomatically won over many Arab countries. Is it right to call him anti-Muslim?

The Opposition parties by branding *'Modi Chor Hai'* have brought a bad name to the country. Can we get fuel if we ignore Arab countries? The Opposition parties must think about the impact that their cheap remarks will have on India's relationship with Arab countries and other nations. **But Pakistan, Afghanistan and Bangladesh, who are our neighbours, are a different proposition as they are always a threat to the safety and security of India.** However, the case of Hindus in Western countries is different as Hindus are finding jobs there that they find most suitable and there is no religious persecution of Hindus as in these three Muslim countries.

Was the implementation of Citizenship Law necessary now when the country is going through difficult times on the economic front?

Dr. Bhyrappa: How far can we go on like this? The Citizenship Law should have been amended long ago. No one had bothered to suitably amend and implement the Act even after 70 years. Modi has done it now. Should we drag it on for 20 more years as it was?

Prime Minister Modi has done the job today which actually others should have done long ago. **It is nothing but foolishness to oppose the Act. Citizenship of the country is not guided by religion and everyone should understand this.** It must be noted that the population of Hindus, which was 18 percent when Pakistan became independent, has dropped to an alarming low of 1.5 percent. Where have all the Hindus in Pakistan gone?

Is driving out illegal Muslims BJP's main agenda?

Dr. Bhyrappa: Fakhruddin Ali brought Muslims from Bangladesh in hordes to Assam to work as labourers. The Communists ruled West Bengal for 34 years when the border of the State became porous, enabling the Muslim population of Bangladesh to infiltrate into the country with hardly any checks. It is shameful that the current Chief Minister of West Bengal Mamata Banerjee too is towing the line of the Communists when it comes to citizenship.

The Opposition parties are propagating falsehood on CAA that was debated at length in the Parliament with the Opposition very much part of it. But now the Opposition parties are spreading lies about CAA. They must adopt a constructive approach in the criticism of the Government and not resort to falsehood only for the sake of opposing the Government. **What we need today is a responsible Opposition and not a wayward and arrogant one.** It may be noted here that Atal Behari Vajpayee, who was the Opposition leader when India liberated Bangladesh from Pakistan, had hailed the then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi as 'Durgadevi' in the Parliament. I wonder whether we have Opposition leaders of the calibre of Vajpayee, who was known for his democratic spirit and wisdom.

There are allegations that Professors in Universities are thrusting 'isms' on students?

Dr. Bhyrappa: Yes, there are Professors who are carrying out their personal and political propaganda for their selfish ends. **The students must complain against such Professors to the higher authorities. In Western countries, students are asked to send a feedback on the quality of teaching by Professors.** The Universities in turn will forward the feedback to the teaching faculty for making their own assessment of their quality and standard of teaching. This system should be introduced in our Universities too.

There are allegations that Professors have been supporting caste and religious organisations. What do you say?

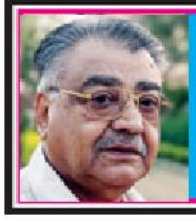
Dr. Bhyrappa: Some indulge in such things as they have become Professors by caste considerations and reservation.

Why are some progressive writers opposing the CAA and NRC?

Dr. Bhyrappa: What is the real meaning of being progressive? These so-called progressive thinkers and writers are self-styled ones, even the Communists called themselves progressive. So, I would like to know the real meaning of progressiveness.

Whether writers should have an agenda?

Dr. Bhyrappa: No, writers should not have any agenda. A litterateur should be independent in thoughts and ideas. I personally do not belong to any group of writers. My works are hugely different from each other. Any similarity in works means repetitiveness. Repetition should not be the case of any author and a writer should always look for freshness. I am writing for the past 60 years and none of my works are repetitive in nature. A writer should not have a ready-made ideology and creativity should come through writing. **An author is also an explorer and anyone who follows a particular ideology is not at all a writer.**



Abracadabra... Abracadabra...

By K.B. Ganapathy

Musings on Dr. S.L. Bhyrappa's defence of CAA — 2

[Continued from yesterday]

The sea is dangerous and its storms terrible, but these obstacles have never been sufficient reason to remain ashore."

— Ferdinand Magellan, Portuguese explorer (1480-1521)

As I mentioned yesterday in this column, Dr. S.L. Bhyrappa, as if inspired by the philosophy of the Portuguese explorer Ferdinand Magellan quoted above, refused to "remain ashore" and watch the agitations and the disorder that followed as a result. He decided to challenge the agitators by questioning the justification of their opposition to the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) democratically passed by the Parliament by calling a press conference. What he had said in that press meet was widely covered by newspapers and media in general *[See page-7]*.

Yesterday, I had alluded to what Dr. Bhyrappa had said and dwelt on the subject generally concluding that it would be both relevant and pertinent at this juncture to remember the thoughts and statements of India's one of the greatest thinkers on issues relating to Indian society, caste system, religions and politics — **Dr. B.R. Ambedkar.** No wonder he created a well-structured people's Constitution which, despite over a hundred amendments in the past 73 years, has still remained steadfast like the Rock of Gibraltar holding on to its fundamental features.

Be that as it may, in my opinion it is right time in today's India to recall some of his wise utterances about the vivisection of India on the basis of religion — Islam and Hinduism — and about maintaining and preserving our democracy. As we know, he was the author of the most insightful book on partition titled *"Thoughts on Pakistan"* written before partition in 1940. According to the book, Dr. Ambedkar had suggested a "sovereign remedy" for securing peace and homogeneity by "arranging for a total exchange of population, Hindus from Pakistan and Muslims from Hindustan as did Turkey, Greece and Bulgaria to solve their internecine wars." Of course, this prescription apparently was not accepted. Finally, partition took place along with the catastrophe the people suffered.

Dr. Ambedkar *Dr. Bhyrappa*

Interestingly, when the proceedings of the Constituent Assembly began with the third reading of the Constitution in November 1949, Dr. Ambedkar moved the resolution: "The Constitution as settled by the Assembly be passed." And then Dr. Ambedkar decided to let other members speak first. Of the many speeches of approval and disapproval, the interesting one was the remark by a member that it was a mixture of the Constitutions of the world and a **Lawyer's Paradise,** though a grand document. **I guess, from the number of cases that we find filed in the Supreme Court pertaining to the Constitution today, the member's opinion that the Constitution would become a Lawyer's Paradise has become true.**

And when Dr. Ambedkar's turn came to speak, it was a speech which drew great appreciation and applause from all the members of the Assembly and was considered one of the best speeches of Dr. Ambedkar on such a profound subject.

He told the Assembly that however good a Constitution might be it was sure to turn out bad if those who are called to work it happen to be a bad lot; it would turn out to be a good Constitution if those who are called to work it happen to be a good lot.

Now let me quote Dr. Ambedkar about how he looked to the future of the country and his anxiety. It seems as if he had already foreseen what is happening today in our country. Let me quote from the book on Dr. Ambedkar by Dhananjay Keer:

What perturbs me greatly is the fact that India has not only once before lost her independence but she lost it by the infidelity and treachery of her own people. In the invasion of Sindh by Muhammad-bin-Qasim, the military commanders of King Dahir, accepted bribes from the agents of Muhammad-bin-Qasim and refused to fight on the side of their King. It was Jaichand who invited Muhammad Ghori to invade India and to fight against Prithviraj and promised him the help of himself and the Solanki Kings. When Shivaji was fighting for the liberation of the Hindus, the other Maratha noblemen and the Rajput Kings were fighting battles on the side of the Mughal Emperors. When the British were fighting the Sikh rulers, their principal commander sat silent and did not help to save the Sikh Kingdom. In 1857, when a large part of India had declared a war of independence against the British, the Sikhs stood and watched the event as silent spectators."

"Will history repeat itself?" he asked the House. He, therefore, urged the people of India to resolutely guard against the eventuality of parties placing their creed above the country or else "our independence will be put in jeopardy a second time and probably be lost for ever. We must be determined to defend our independence till the last drop of our blood." (Cheers.)

He then turned to the ways of maintaining democracy.

1. He said that the first thing they must do was to hold fast to the Constitutional methods of achieving their social and economic objectives and abandon the methods of civil disobedience, non-co-operation and satyagraha, for those methods were nothing but the grammar of anarchy.

2. Another danger, Dr. Ambedkar felt, arose from hero-worship. He warned the defenders of democracy not to lay their liberties at the feet of even a great man or trust him with powers which enables him to subvert their institution. Turning his attention to irrational blind hero-worship that prevailed in our country he observed: "There is nothing wrong in being grateful to great men who have rendered life-long service to the country; but there are limits to gratefulness. As has been well said by the Irish patriot Daniel O'Connell, 'No man can be grateful at the cost of his honour; no woman can be grateful at the cost of her chastity; and no nation can he grateful at the cost of its liberty.' This caution is far more necessary in the case of India than in the case of any other country. For, in India, *Bhakti* plays a part in politics unequalled in magnitude than the part it plays in the politics of any other country in the world. *Bhakti* may be a road to the salvation of the soul; but, in politics *Bhakti* or hero-worship is a sure road to degradation and eventual dictatorship."

3. The third thing people must do to safeguard the Indian democracy, he said, was that they must not be content with mere political democracy but that they should make the political democracy a social and economic democracy. He added that political democracy could not last unless there lay at the base of it social democracy which recognised liberty, equality and fraternity as the principles of life.

According to the author of the book Dhananjay Keer, the House listened to Dr. Ambedkar's 40-minute lucid, eloquent and **prophetic** speech spellbound, punctuating with cheers. The very next day on November 26, 1949, the Constituent Assembly, in the name of The People of India, adopted the Constitution with its 395 Articles and 8 Schedules.

Let all those who are protesting today on the streets of our country remember that the main feature of our Constitution is that sovereignty resides in the people and Parliament as the representative of the people carries the sovereignty.

TAILPIECE: *According to historian Vikram Sampath, Vinayak Damodar Savarkar, the revolutionary freedom fighter who wrote the book "The Indian War of Independence of 1857", has suggested "that the 1857 movement was one that brought Hindus and Muslims together; that Hindustan was thereafter the united nation of adherents of Islam as well as Hinduism."*

Of course, as freedom movement progressed, the suggestion of a "United Nation" of India of Islam and Hinduism did not happen. Instead, India was divided on the very basis of Islam and Hinduism.

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Home-maker

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Lakshmipuram Police, who rushed to the spot, conducted mahazar, took the knife left behind by the attacker to their custody and summoned fingerprint experts to the spot besides registering an attempt to murder case.

Was the accused known to the victim?

During preliminary investigation, the Police have come to know that the unidentified person, who stabbed Ramya is about 23-years-old. Ramya has told the Police that the attacker was a total stranger to her.

But there is a building construction going on next to her house and the house owner stays adjacent to her house. The road is very narrow and even a small sound could be heard by the neighbours.

In such a busy area, how can anyone come to rob or attack a person? The Police, who have suspected the hand of some known person behind the attack, are investigating in this angle also.

Obituary

Sunitha Rex

Mysuru, Jan. 14- Sunitha Rex (55), wife of Rex Vijaysingh Samuel and a resident of Vinayakanagar, passed away this morning in city.

She leaves behind her husband, one son, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends. Funeral will be held at 10 am tomorrow at St. Bartholomew's Cemetery on Mysuru-Bengaluru Road.

G. Bhaskar

G. Bhaskar (79), retired Railway Inspection Chargeman and a resident of Kuvempunagar 'M' Block, passed away yesterday in city. He leaves behind his wife, one son, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral was held at the CSI Cemetery on Mahadevapura Road in Gandhinagar this afternoon.

B.P. Nagaraju

B.P. Nagaraju (78), a resident of Metagalli passed away yesterday in city. He leaves behind his family members and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Vidyaranyapuram Burial Grounds this morning.

Couple killed as car jumps median

and crashes into another vehicle on opposite lane

Hunsur, Jan. 14 (Raghu&KS)- A couple from Kerala were killed on the spot, when the car in which they were travelling towards Hunsur, jumped the road median and crashed into an Innova vehicle coming on the opposite lane this morning.

The deceased are Lillykutti (54) and her husband Mathew (58). They were the residents of Talapurambam in Kandapuram taluk of Kerala. The couple's son, who was at the wheels, has sustained serious injuries and has been rushed to a hospital in Mysuru.

The occupants of the Innova vehicle too have received injuries and admitted to a hospital in Mysuru.

Lillykutti, Mathew and their son, were proceeding towards Hunsur in their Maruti Swift Dzire car (KL-58 P-856), when the car jumped the median and crashed into the Innova vehicle (KA-09 MD-0468) coming on the opposite lane killing the two.

Bilikere Police, who rushed to the spot on receiving information, shifted the injured to hospitals in Mysuru and the bodies of the deceased to Bilikere Government Hospital mortuary.

No case was registered, when we went to the Press.

Woman's gold chain snatched at R.K. Nagar

Mysuru, Jan. 14 (RK&KS)- A bike-borne miscreant has snatched a gold *mangalya* chain from a woman at Ramakrishna (R.K.) Nagar on Friday. The victim is Parvathi, a resident of E&F Block in R.K. Nagar.

On Jan. 10 at about 4 pm, Parvathi, who had gone to a shop, was returning home and when she was walking on the cross road near Ruby Bakery, a bike-borne miscreant, who came from the opposite direction, yanked off her 40 grams gold *mangalya* chain worth about Rs.1.2 lakh and sped away, according to the complaint lodged at Kuvempunagar Police Station by Parvathi.

Kuvempunagar Police, who have registered a case in this regard, are investigating.

Girl goes missing

Nisarga

Mysuru, Jan. 14 (RK&KS)- A 22-year-old girl, who left her house on Jan. 9 at about 6.45 pm, saying that she was going to get her mobile phone from a repair shop, has since gone missing.

The missing girl is Nisarga. She is 5 ft. tall, wheatish complexioned, round faced, normal built, has the word 'NISHA' tattooed on her right arm and speaks Kannada and English.

Those having any information about the missing girl, may contact V.V. Puram Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418314 or Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339, according to a press release from Assistant Sub-Inspector (ASI) Mahadevanaika, V.V. Puram Police Station, Mysuru.

Unidentified man falls to death

Mysuru, Jan. 14 (RK&KS) - An unidentified person has fallen to his death from a tree in the early hours of today. It is learnt that the deceased, in a bid to commit suicide, had climbed the roadside tree between All India Institute of Speech and Hearing (AIISH) and Regional Institute of Education (RIE) from where he slipped and fell to his death.

The deceased is about 40-years-old and Jayalakshmipuram Police, who have shifted the body to MMC&RI mortuary, have asked the kith and kin of the deceased, if any, to contact Jayalakshmipuram Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418316 or Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339, according to Jayalakshmipuram Inspector Suresh Kumar.

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NOTIFICATION

Sealed quotations are invited from reputed Class-I PWD Contractors to carry out the following works at the Club premises:

1. Asphalting of Service Road around the race track - 1950 Mtrs.
2. Asphalting of road from Admin Building to Watch Tower - 315 Mtrs

Details of the works and conditions laid down can be obtained from the Administrative Office at the above address on payment of Rs.1000/- (non refundable) in cash from 14.01.2020 to 17.01.2020 up to 6.00 p.m.

Last date of submission of quotations: 18.01.2020 before 6.00 p.m.

The Club reserves the right to reject any or all quotations without assigning any reasons thereof.

Sd/- Secretary-in-charge, Mysore Race Club Ltd.

Beware of extortionists in the guise of giving lift !

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The car, after proceeding via Ashoka Road, reached Columbia Asia Circle and instead of going straight towards Bengaluru, the driver took a left turn on the Ring Road towards KRS Road. When Madhu began to question this, the person next to Madhu brandished a knife and threatened of killing him if he does not keep quiet and snatched his gold finger ring and gold chain. The miscreants also snatched his wallet and took out Rs. 500 currency, ATM Cards.

When the car reached the KRS Road-Royal Inn junction, the driver turned to his left and proceeded towards Vontikoppal Temple and took a right turn and stopped the car near HDFC ATM kiosk on the Temple Road. The miscreants obtained password of ATM Card from Madhu and tried to withdraw cash. As Madhu had given the wrong password, they could not withdraw cash. Angered over this, the miscreants stabbed Madhu on his thigh and obtained the correct password.

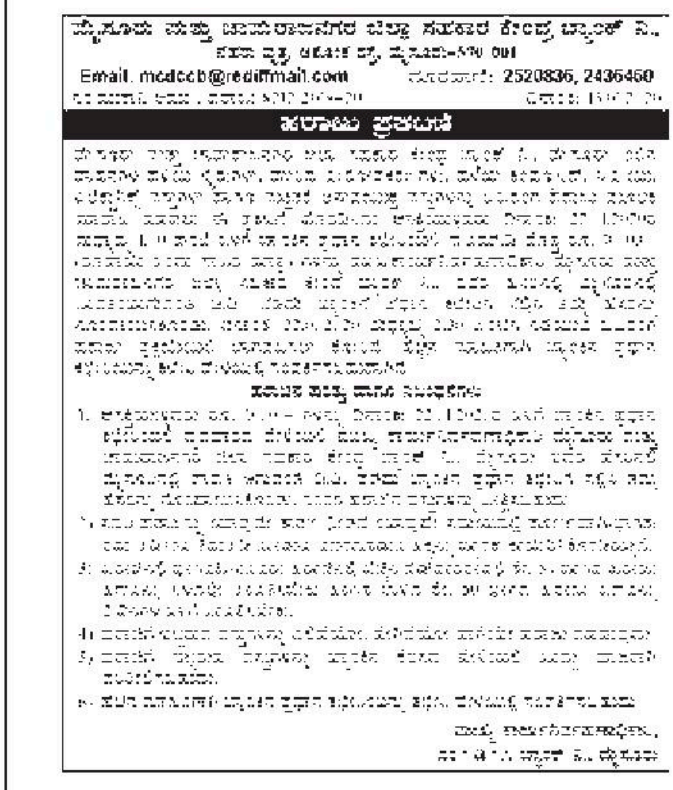
The miscreants again went to the ATM and withdrew Rs. 40,000 cash. They then boarded the car which proceeded on KRS Road, Dasappa Circle, Railway Station and Irwin Road. The driver then drove towards Ashoka Road, where the miscreants again withdrew Rs. 24,000 from an ATM.

In his complaint, Madhu has stated that the exact amount withdrawn from the ATMs is not known as the miscreants had snatched his cell phone and he was unable to read the messages sent after cash was withdrawn.

The car again proceeded on Irwin Road to reach Government Ayurveda College Circle where they pushed Madhu out of the car near a roadside footwear shop at about 5.30 am and sped away.

The injured Madhu somehow managed to call his brother and with his help reached Lashkar Police Station and lodged a complaint. Inspector Muniyappa, who registered a case, took Madhu to the spot of crime and to the ATMs from where the miscreants withdrew cash, collected the footages captured in CCTV Cameras at the ATMs . The Cops also took Madhu on the route the miscreants had taken him. As it was dark, the registration number of the car was not clear, said Inspector Muniyappa, who has launched a hunt to trace the car and nab the miscreants.

It may be recallled, tourist guide David Alexander was assaulted and robbed of his money by miscreants who had offered to drop David in their car to Srirangapatna and later pushed him out of the car near Naguvinahalli check post in October 2019.



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Shruthimanjari Foundation's Annual Music Festival from Jan.16 to 19

Dr. Ayyappan

Rtn. Reginald

Mysuru, Jan. 14- Shruthimanjari Foundation and Rotary Club of Mysore West have jointly organised the 22nd Annual Music Festival at Rotary West Auditorium in Saraswathipuram here from Jan.16 to 19.

The Fest will be inaugurated on Jan.16 at 6 pm. Dr. S. Ayyappan, Vice-Chancellor, Central Agricultural University, Imphal, Assam, will be the chief guest. Rtn. Reginald Wesley, President, Rotary West, will preside.

SCHEDULE

Jan.16 (7 pm): 'Laya Lahari' instrumental ensemble by Vid. H.L. Shivashankaraswamy and troupe.

Jan.17 (6 pm): Violin Duet by Violin Maestros Vid. Mysore Nagaraj and Dr. Mysore Manjunath (Mysore Brothers). They will be accompanied by Vid. H.S. Sudheendra on mridanga and Vid. Giridhar Udupa on ghata.

Jan.18 (6 pm): Vocal Duet (Karnatak Classical Music) by Bangalore Brothers (M.B. Hariharan and S. Ashok). They will be accompanied by Vid. Mysore M. Sumanth on violin, Vid. B.R. Srinivas on mridanga and Vid. S. Srishyala on ghata.

Jan.19 (10 am): Presentation by students of workshop on 'Compositions in rare ragas,' concert by winner of Mosale Krishnamurthy Raaga Taana Pallavi competition. Sri Purandara - Thyagaraja Aradhana Mahotsava. Goshti Gayana by renowned musicians of Mysuru; **6 pm:** Vocal Concert by Vidu. Aishwarya Vidhya Raghunath. She will be accompanied by Vidu. Nalina Mohan on violin and Vid. B.S. Prashanth on mridanga.

PROFILES

Laya Vidya Pratishtana, Mysuru: The percussion Academy is the brainchild of **Vid. H.L. Shivashankaraswamy.** He is the son of Manjulamma and Lakshminarayana Sharma, a well-known Keerthanakara and Gamaka Vidwan. He is one of the leading mridanga artistes of India. Born in the family of musicians, he had his training in mridanga from renowned artiste Vid. B.R. Sridhar of Mysuru.

Vid. Shivashankaraswamy

Mysore Violin Brothers

Bangalore Brothers

Vidu. Aishwarya

Shivashankaraswamy has accompanied almost all the leading musicians and Vidwans of Karnatak Music. He has also given many performances in All India Radio, Doordarshan including National Programmes, Sangeetha Sammelana and South Zone Music Concerts. Apart from this, he is also a well-known name in the field of Jugalbandi and Fusion.

Shivashankaraswamy has toured abroad extensively. He has been awarded the Best Mridanga Artiste in Sangeetha Sammelana in the year 2002 conducted by Karnataka Gana Kala Parishat, Bengaluru. An 'A' grade mridanga artiste of AIR and Doordarshan, the Laya Lahari, conceived and directed by him, has been appreciated by one and all.

Mysore Nagaraj and Dr. Mysore Manjunath: Amazingly gifted Violin Maestros, Mysore Nagaraj and Dr. Mysore Manjunath, the sons and disciples of renowned violinist Prof. Mahadevappa, were child prodigies who matured quickly to emerge as Top Ranking Violinists today. Their exceptional musical talents were first revealed at a very tender age of 8 when they stormed into the music world sweeping all the music-lovers and critics off their feet by their extraordinary musical acumen and technical virtuosity.

From Royal Albert Hall-London to Sydney Opera House-Australia, from Common Thread Music Festival in Oregon to Santa-Fe Festival in New Mexico, from Oxford University to World Music Festival in Chicago, from Royal Palace in Italy to Federation Square in Melbourne, Mysore Brothers have enthralled audiences all over the world.

With The international Press describing them as "The Bright-Visible Cultural Ambassadors of India", Dr.Manjunath and Nagaraj have brought laurels and glory to the field of Indian Classical Music. Excelling academically also, Dr. Manjunath holds a Master of Music Degree, securing First Rank and 4 Gold medals and has Ph.D in Violin from the University of Mysore.

He has the credit of being the first ever-Indian violinist to be invited to perform at the prestigious International Violin Conference held in Sandiego and Persian Academy in Iran. The Brothers have the distinction of being invited for violin concerts at some of the top venues in the world including Prestigious Jazzar Festival in Switzerland, Bozar Music conference in Belgium, SAARC Summit, Milano Musica in Italy and National Centre for early music — UK etc.

Bangalore Brothers: The duo was formed under the direction of *Ganakalashree* Vidwan H.S. Sudhindra, one of the most sought after mridanga artistes in Karnatak Music scene today. M.B. Hariharan received rigorous training in vocal music since 1989 from Vid. S.N. Sreenivasa Prasanna while S. Ashok received rigorous training in vocal music since 1989 from Gurus Vid. D.S. Srivathsa, Vidu. Vaidehi and Vid. K.R. Ramesh.

Both Hariharan and Ashok received further training under the tutelage of *Ganakalanidhi* late Vid. Salem P. Sundareshan. Both are continuing their music training in vocal music under *Ganakalashree* Vid. H.S. Sudhindra.

A-Grade artistes in All India Radio, Bengaluru, for Karnatak Vocal Duet, both are Mechanical Engineering (BE) graduates. Post-graduates in Karnatak Music (M.Music) from University of Madras. Secured first rank in the 'Vidwat' Examination conducted by the KSSEB.

Recipients of *Sangeetha Koustubha* and scholarships by Government of Karnataka and Ministry of Human Resources, Government of India, they have performed for TV channels like DD Chandana, Amrita TV, SVBC Nadaneerajanam (TTD), Udaya TV, Sankara TV, DD Malayalam and Kasturi Kannada.

Ashok is also an A-Grade mridanga artiste of AIR Bengaluru and has provided mridanga accompaniment to many eminent artistes in numerous Sabhas.

Aishwarya Vidhya Raghunath: An A-graded artiste of the All India Radio and Doordarshan, Aishwarya has the honour of being the disciple of musical stalwarts — Sangita Kalacharya (late) Seethalakshmi Venkatesan, *Padma Bhushan* P.S. Narayanaswamy and *Sangeetha Kala Sagaram* Vegavahini Vijayaraghavan — thus being moulded into the Semmangudibani and the Veena Dhanammalbani. She began learning music at the age of 3 and her first performance was at the age of 13.

Aishwarya has presented Karnatak Music to a variety of audiences, including many national and international academic forums. In early 2018, she completed a two-month tour of USA and Canada with CMANA (Carnatic Music Association of North America).

She is the recipient of numerous awards like 'Outstanding Lady Vocalist' Award (conferred by Madras Music Academy), Yuva Purandara (awarded by Indiranagar Sangeetha Sabha), D.K. Pattammal Award, M.S. Subbulakshmi Award, Seerkazhi Govindarajan Award, RMKV Award of Excellence and Government of India Scholarship from Ministry of Culture.

Academically, Aishwarya is a Biotech Engineer and has worked as an executive at Biocon before being a full-time music professional.

Aishwarya is also proficient in oil painting, acrylic painting, water colours and charcoal drawings. In April 2017, Aishwarya's art was recognised by Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath through the exhibition, Akanksha. This year, her painting on endangered Indian wildlife species were exhibited at the international art exhibition — Artists for Wildlife and Nature 2019.

Kotarothsava Katcheri at Chamundi Hill

On the 6th day of Kotarothsava music programme atop Chamundi Hill recently, a vocal concert was presented by Vidwan Ramakrishna and Vidushi Indrani Anantharamu accompanied by Vid. Ravishankar on keyboard, Vid. Indu Shekar on tabla and Vid. Murthy on rhythm pad.

KSCA Mysuru Zonal League 2019-20

Karavali Cricketers beat RBNCC 'B'

Mysuru, Jan. 14- A well-compiled century by J. Shashank (112, 6x4, 4x6) and a useful contribution of 74 by Sanketh Shetty helped Karavali Cricketers to register a well-earned 59-run win over RBNCC 'B' in the KSCA Mysuru Zone 2nd Division League tie played at the Gangothri Grounds here recently.

SCORES

2nd Division

Karavali Cricketers: 339/8 in 50 overs (Shashank 112, Sanketh Shetty 74, Hrishab Singavi 2/35) bt **RBNCC 'B':** 280 in 45.1 overs (N. Nirmith 78, S.P. Manjunath 58, Abhishek Jain 26 n.o., Manvanthkumar 24, Jayanth 3/22, Nitish Gowda 2/16).

Mysore City Gymkhana: 242/9 in 50 overs (M. Karthik 68, Devanand 34, S. Sharath 29, S. Sachin 35, S. Pradyumna 3/65, M.S. Vinay 2/26) bt **Bellur CC:** 172 in 43.1 overs (K. Bharath 72, A. Balasubramani 27, Mahesh 5/43, C.R. Praveen 2/37).

3rd Division

SGKM: 213/8 in 50 overs (C.S. Chirag 69, M.G. Sunil Kumar 37, Gagan 2/30, B. Mahesh 2/38) bt **Friends CC:** 176 in 41.5 overs (Karan Raj 78 n.o., Vinay 33, Prabhu 3/33, Kishan 2/27, Preetham Nayak 2/40).

Rising Star CC: 244 in 48.3 overs (J. Tejas 63, M.S. Jayanth Jain 55, M.S. Gowtham 33, D. Srinivasan 2/17, Sudharshan Rao 2/37, Srivatsa 3/42) bt **Vijaya Cricketers:** 187 in 41.1 overs (Srinivasan 40, Ranjan 38 n.o., H.U. Amith 4/36, Piyush Bafna 2/22).

4th Division

New National CC: 274 in 49.5 overs (Krishnamurthy 69, Pavan 53, Bhuvan 21, M.S. Sharath Kumar 22, Umesh 30, S. Akash 4/37) bt **Kuvempunagar CC:** 195 in 31.3 overs (S. Dhananjay 36, S. Akash 36, L. Rahul 26, K. Advaith 20, Dhanush R. Udupa 5/20, Bhuvan 2/50).

Nanjangud CC: 211 in 49.3 overs (V.P. Neeraj 77, B.V. Nirmal 56, Ajay Patel 21, S. Bharath 2/26, Gangadhar 2/3) lost to **City Cricketers, Mandya:** 215/5 in 40.3 overs (Srikanth 61, S. Bharath 43 n.o., Abhishek 40, Sumanth Uthappa 3/43).

KSCA Mysuru U-14 Inter-Club Tourney

Jawahar's CC registers win

Mysuru, Jan. 14- Leg-spinner S. Dhanush Gowda's six wicket haul (six for 19) helped Jawahar's CC to register a big eight-wicket win over YMCC in the KSCA Mysuru Zone U-14 Tournament for Clubs 2019-20 played at the Gangothri Grounds here yesterday.

SCORES

YMCC: 108 in 38.3 overs (Shiven Gowda 36, S. Dhanush Gowda 6/19) lost to **Jawahar's CC:** 109/2 in 15.5 overs (Gaghaan Prem 70 n.o., Swayam Raje Urs 21).

Navodaya CC: 114 in 34.1 overs (Uttam 30, Prabhanjan 3/33, Trijal 2/28, Pranav 2/12) lost to **Mysore CC:** 119/2 in 14 overs (Advaith 53 n.o., Prabhanjan 33).

Jayanagar SC: 123 in 30.4 overs (Akshay 32 n.o., Dhanush 2/13, Ajay 2/16) lost to **New National CC:** 124/1 in 38.4 overs (Ajay 55 n.o., Nischay 42).

Karavali Cricketers: 92 in 37.1 overs (Dakshath 22, Srikar 3/27) lost to **National CC:** 93/2 in 15.4 overs (Varun Patel 37 n.o., B.P. Yuvraj 25 n.o).

Parashurama CC: 36 in 17.4 overs (Ganapreeth 4/15, M.D. Ayush 2/10, S. Vilas 3/4) lost to **Sunny Side CC:** 39/3 in 9.1 overs (Chandrashekar 2/23).

Agraharam CC: 92 in 39.1 overs (S. Navneeth 22, N.V. Chiranth 2/10, P. Narain 2/17, P. Puneeth 2/9) lost to **The Mysore Gymkhana:** 94/5 in 20 overs (Samarth S. Hegde 33, S. Navneeth 2/34).

Navajyothi CC: 106 in 22.3 overs (Kunal 4/26, Prabhanjan 2/25) lost to **Mysore CC:** 108/2 in 16.2 overs (Bhandav 33 n.o.).

Football: Lions maul Kickers

Mysuru, Jan. 14- A hat-trick by right-out Kamran (2, 29, 65), a brace by left-out Srilal (9,47) and a goal each by Pruthvi (12) and Shiva (33rd) enabled Lions FC to register a big 7-0 win over Kickers FC in the MDFA 'B' Division Football League for the Govindaraju Memorial Trophy 2019-20 played at the University Grounds here on Monday.

City Karatekas excel

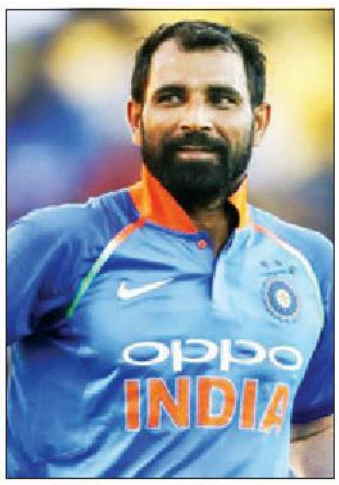
*The students of Sensei Mohan of Zen Shito Ryu Karate Federation, participated in the 5th National Karate Championship held at Bengaluru recently organised by Shito Ryu Karate Do India, and have won prizes in different categories. Seen are (from left - kneeling) **Riva Manya - 1st place in kata and kumite, Sinchana C. Raj - 1st in kata, K. Shobha - 2nd in kata and S. Charitha - 1st in kata;** (middle row) **Aayush Shetty - 1st in kata, K. Lakshith - 3rd in kata, Sensei A. Mohan, Sensei Chanchal Kanwar, M. Rohan - 3rd in kumite and S.R. Mukunda - 1st in kata;** (last row) **S.S. Pankaj - 2nd in kata, K. Ullas - 1st in kata & kumite, M. Sharman - 1st in kata and Aryan Adarsha - 2nd in kata.***

*The students of SV Regency Training Centre participated in the recently held Shorin India Karate Championship at Notre Dame School in Hinkal in December and won many prizes. The prize-winning students (from left) **Neha - 3rd prize in kata, S. Shambhavi - 3rd in kata, Shresth Shrotriya - 2nd in Open Kumite and 1st in Individual Kumite, Daanvi Sirasani - 2nd in kumite, Tashvi Singh - 3rd in kata and kumite — are seen with Renshi K.P. Johnson, the National Chief and Director of Shorin Ryu Karate Do and Kobudo, India.***

India's T20I squad for series in NZ

Vice-Captain Rohit Sharma, Mohammed Shami back

Rohit Sharma



Mohammed Shami

New Delhi, Jan. 14- Vice-Captain Rohit Sharma on Sunday returned to India's 16-member T20I squad for the tour of New Zealand (NZ) as the selectors dropped Kerala batsman Sanju Samson.

The five-man selection panel also brought back pacer Mohammed Shami, who like Rohit, was rested for the T20I series against Sri Lanka.

Wicket-keeper batsman Samson had played the third T20I against Sri Lanka in Pune, scoring six runs. There were no major surprises with most of the players picking themselves.

The five-match T20I series against New Zealand will begin on Jan. 24 in Auckland.

The selection committee under outgoing Chairman MSK Prasad kept the ODI and Test squads on hold for the time being.

India's T20I squad for NZ tour: Virat Kohli (C), Rohit Sharma (VC), KL Rahul, Shikhar Dhawan, Shreyas Iyer, Manish Pandey, Rishabh Pant (WK), Shivam Dube, Kuldeep Yadav, Yuzvendra Chahal, Washington Sundar, Jasprit Bumrah, Mohammed. Shami, Navdeep Saini, Ravindra Jadeja, Shardul Thakur.

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Clean the blocked drain near Apollo BGS Hospital

A blocked box drain on New Kantharaj Urs Road near Apollo BGS Hospital needs to be cleared to enable smooth flow of sewage water. Sewage water stagnant in the drain is emanating foul smell and residents say that repeated complaints to various officials including the elected local area representative has yielded no results. Authorities concerned are urged to take steps to get the drain cleaned at the earliest.

Plea to clear garbage on Dawood Khan Street

Garbage dumped near Chamundeshwari Temple on Dawood Khan Street in Lashkar Mohalla is not being cleared regularly resulting in the garbage getting scattered on the streets. Also, foul smell is emanating from the garbage heap forcing the public to close their nostrils while passing on this road. Authorities concerned are urged to get the garbage cleared and also install a board warning residents against discarding garbage and household waste at the spot.

MCC's unscientific works inconvenience residents of Vidyaranyapuram

Mysuru, Jan.14 (YDS&KS)- The laying of new sewer pipes taken up in an unscientific manner by the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) has damaged drinking water pipes, underground cables and underground sewage pipes resulting in the residents inhaling dust, foul smell which may cause health hazards to them (residents).

The MCC has taken up laying of new sewage pipelines at a cost of Rs. 4 crore from Sewage Farm, which passes through Vidyaranyapuram 23rd Cross - 4th Main Road - Sarvajanika Hostel - Sarada Vilas College and ends near Ballal Circle. But the works are taken up in a haphazard and unscientific way causing a lot of problems to the residents in the surroundings.

To lay the pipes, the MCC has dug up 23rd Cross and 3rd Main Road and has dumped the excavated mud on the road severely inconveniencing motorists and the public who are unable to use the road. More than solving the problem, the works have created problems, said former Corporator Sunil.

Collapsed manhole: While digging the road to lay pipes, three manholes on Vidyaranyapuram 3rd Main Road have collapsed. A distraction while riding even for a second will land motorists in the ditch.

Dust: As the excavated mud is dumped on the road, vehicles passing on this stretch blows up dust which is accumulating on the houses nearby and also entering houses. This minute dust particles can cause severe breathing problems especially to the children and senior citizens.

Drinking water, UGD pipes damaged: During digging works, pipes supplying water to houses and sewage pipes have been damaged. Also, the underground power cables connected to power lines to supply electricity to houses have been snapped.

Compound damaged: An earth moving machine used for digging trench to lay pipes has reportedly hit the compound of a house and damaged it. Excavated mud which has been dumped on either side of the road is hampering smooth flow of traffic.

Pit posing danger to motorists: A pit dug up for the construction of manhole on Sewage Farm - Vidyaranyapuram Road is left as it is and posing danger to motorists, especially during dark. Motorists have to be extra careful while proceeding on this road.

Take precautions: The works pertaining to the supply of water 24x7 has been completed and the implementation process is in progress.

But the MCC while digging trenches to lay sewage pipes on the Cross roads on 4th Main Road and Sewage Farm Road in Vidyaranyapuram has damaged the newly-connected pipes to supply water to houses and hence precautions must be taken while taking works in future, which has to be instructed to the contractors. Also, the contractor should be instructed to take up the repairs of the damaged pipes, according to the memorandum submitted to the MCC Executive Engineer, Underground Drainage Division, through the Assistant Executive Engineer of Karnataka Urban Water Supply and Drainage Board (JnNURM).

The road has been dug up haphazardly and though two months have passed the road is not repaired. Due to unscientific works, water supply pipe and the UGD pipe have been damaged.

— Jayashree, BJP Mahila Morcha City Secretary

The enthusiasm shown during digging of the road is not the same while repairing it. Dust is engulfing houses as the mud is left on the road. We are living in fear of contracting diseases.

— Ravishankar, retired PWD Executive Engineer

The pit that was dug up to construct a manhole is not covered resulting in cows and calves falling inside it frequently. A bike rider suffered serious injuries after falling into the pit two days ago.

— Suresh, resident

Bandipur Forest staff ready to prevent forest fires

• Create 2,550-km fire lines; Villagers in forest borders volunteer to help Forest personnel

• Rural folk apprised through street plays

By M.T. Yogesh Kumar

Necessary precautions have been taken at all 13 Zones by creating 2,550 kilometre-long fire line to protect the wealth of Bandipur Forest against forest fire during summer this time. Burning of weeds is in its last stage. 55 Fire Watchers (40 daily wagers and 15 permanent) have been deployed in each Zone to prevent any accidental forest fire. As a result of awareness programmes conducted by the Department, many people residing in villages on forest borders have come forward to join hands with the Forest personnel.

—T. Balachandra, Director, Bandipur Tiger Reserve

Mysuru, Jan. 14- While the whole world is aghast over the bushfire in Australia, which has claimed the lives of hundreds of wild animals and devastated thousands of acre of forest land, the Bandipur Forest Department staff have taken all necessary precautions to prevent forest fire in the reserve forest area with villagers in forest borders coming forward to join hands with the Forest staff.

Hundreds of acres of Bandipur forest was burnt in the forest fire last year with large quantity of trees and plants destroyed due to the fire. Thanks to copious rains this years, the forest has turned green again with almost all the water holes filled to the brim.

The Forest Department, which has taken up the challenging task of protecting the forest against fire, has sought the help of villagers and villagers residing in the border of Bandipur Forest have come forward to join hands with them.

Fire Line completed: Bandipur Forest is spread over 1,024 sq. kms (2.80 lakh acres). Fire lines covering all 13 ranges of the reserve have been completed, covering 2,550 kms. Based on the thickness of the forest, fire lines measuring 5 mts, 10 mts and 20 mts in width have been created to prevent any accidental fire from spreading further and

the Forest Department, in order to give more responsibilities to locals, had decided to take them on contract basis but apart from Nugu Zone, none had come forward to create fire lines in other 12 zones. In this backdrop, the Forest Department itself has created fire lines and additional fire lines have been created in some parts of the Bandipur Forest.

Lantana cleared to create fire lines: In order to create fire lines, lantana, considered to be noxious weed, was cleared along with other weeds and the process of burning them has begun.

The burning process of lantana plants which are removed in all zones and dumped in one place would be completed by Jan. 15. It is only then the fire beat works would be taken up.

Ranges: Bandipur Forest is divided into three sub-ranges — Bandipur, Gundlupet and Hediyala. These three sub-ranges consist of 13 ranges including Bandipur, Gopalaswamy Hill, Moolehole, Gundlupet, Maddur, Omkar, Kundakere, Hediyala, Nugu, Maleyuru, Kalkere, N. Begur and Gundre among others.

Awareness programme: In a bid to create awareness about the devastation caused by forest fires to the residents of 123 villages in the forest borders, the Forest Department has distributed handbills at some places besides conducting street plays on the importance of forest and its conservation.

Sports activities were also conducted to draw the attention of youths and win their confidence.

WORD OF THE DAY

Cosmeticise

Pronunciation: kahz-MET-uh-syze.

Meaning: To make (something unpleasant or ugly) superficially attractive.
Origin: Cosmeticize first appeared in print in the early 19th century as a descendant of the noun cosmetic. Originally, its use was often literal, with the meaning "to apply a cosmetic to," but today it is more frequently used figuratively. Cosmeticize does occasionally draw criticism; usage commentators are sometimes irritated by verbs coined using -ize as they can sound like silly nonce words. Cosmeticize is fairly well-established, however, in contrast with the two other rarer verbs that have been derived from cosmetic: cosmetize and the homograph cosmetic, which often turn up in literal senses ("cosmetize the face"; "a face cosmeticked with bright rouge").
Example: The documentary takes a hard look at life in the camp, never once cosmeticizing the experience of its inhabitants.

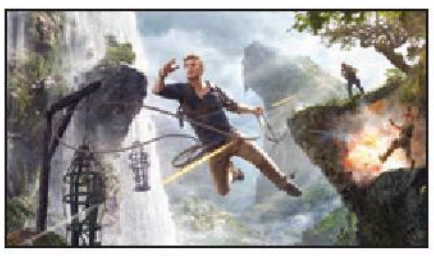
THE ODD WORD

Cacodoxy

Bad doctrine or wrong opinion.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Cut to the chase



Meaning: To get to the point without wasting time.
Origin: The saying originated from early film studios' silent films. It was a favourite of, and thought to have been coined by, Hal Roach Sr. Films, particularly comedies, often climaxed in chase scenes. Some inexperienced screenwriters or directors would pad the film with unnecessary dialogue, which bored the audience and prolonged the time before the exciting chase scene. Cut to the chase was a phrase used by movie studio executives to mean that the audience shouldn't get bored by the extra dialogue, and that the film should get to the interesting scenes without unnecessary delays. The phrase is now widely used, and means "get to the point."
An earlier version of the phrase (recorded 1880–1940) was Cut to Hecuba. This refers to the practice of shortening matinée performances of Hamlet by cutting the long speeches before the reference to Hecuba in Act II, Scene ii.

QUOTE BOX

Chase after the truth like all hell and you'll free yourself, even though you never touch its coattails. **— Clarence Darrow**

RIDDLE THIS

I am always in front of you and never behind you. What am I?

Answer : The future.

SUDOKU

			1			8		
				7	4		9	
	9							5
					6		1	3
6		2				5		9
3	4		7					
1							3	
	7		2	5				
		3			7			

Answer to previous puzzle

8	9	5	4	3	6	1	2	7
6	2	4	9	1	7	8	3	5
1	7	3	5	2	8	9	6	4
4	8	9	2	5	3	6	7	1
2	6	7	8	9	1	4	5	3
3	5	1	7	6	4	2	8	9
7	3	2	6	4	9	5	1	8
9	1	6	3	8	5	7	4	2
5	4	8	1	7	2	3	9	6

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

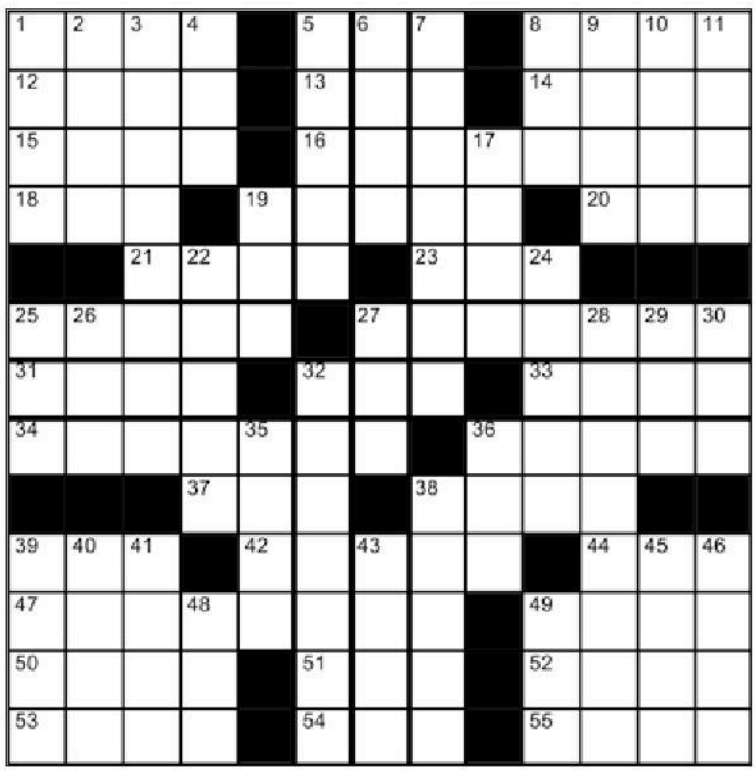
1 Turkish title
5 Aircraft Sys. Controllers
8 Truth, reality or certainty
12 A kind of gun
13 Unit of reluctance in electricity
14 Declare
15 Is unwell or sick
16 Intervening period
18 Time To Station, abbr.
19 Meaning or taste
20 Self addressed envelope, in short
21 Mr Nasty Natase of tennis?
23 Hawaiian food
25 Old fashioned name - "re-ban" anagram?
27 Flag
31 Account, behalf
32 Father or papa
33 Obligatory payments
34 Barber's job? (4-3)
36 To do with hearing
37 "S" in SF the city
38 Greek peak
39 Globe or eyeball
42 Smelly creature?
44 The rebel Guevara's Christian name
47 Famous French philosopher
49 Fashion name: Christian ___
50 Needle case
51 Republic of South Africa, acronym
52 Ex-Delhi paceman Wasan
53 Not dense?
54 RK's ___ Aaj Aur ___
55 Musical instrument

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

E	A	R	P			R	L	G		I	D	E	S
S	T	I	R			E	I	A		B	E	T	A
A	R	B	O	R	E	A	L			S	C	U	T
			F	A	D		I	B	E	R	I	A	
R	A	D	I	O			A	L	O	N	E		
E	M	I	T			C	A	E	N			A	T	H
A	B	S			R	O	H	A	N			S	U	E
D	O	M			O	M	E	N			G	E	N	E
			E	A	S	E	D			M	E	D	A	L
A	R	M	I	E	S			B	A	R			
F	I	B	S			O	P	E	R	A	T	E	S
A	T	E	N			U	R	N			R	O	D	S
R	A	R	E			T	O	T			D	E	E	R

DOWN

1 Blind as _ __? (1,3)
2 Pluck
3 Capital of Finland
4 In short, response to a question
5 French military - "a mere" change?
6 Observed one letter out of seven
7 Held or fixed firmly
8 A ___ lot : very little?
9 Rara ___ : the mythical rare bird?
10 Insensible state
11 Sickly sentimental
17 Inert gas
19 Polite form of address to man
22 Ogles lustfully
24 Great Asian river
25 Powdery residue
26 Lamb's cry?
27 Strike lightly
28 Effrontery
29 Indonesia's earlier name
30 Tech. Std. Order
32 Recently released movie directed by Christopher Nolan
35 Spanish home
36 Inquire of
38 Tatum _____ : famous Hollywood star?
39 Above or done with
40 A list of duties
41 Make indistinct
43 ___ major : Big Bear in the sky?
45 Period of time
46 Mystery writer___ Stanley Gardener
48 Fasten with a cord
49 Common name for pulses used in our country



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

GP NDX HXBN NDON MPT EOR UR NDX LIOEX

CDXFX MPT OFX, ORG HX ZURG.

TODAY'S CLUE: T EQUALS U

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Success is the sum of small efforts, repeated day in and day out.

NOW SHOWING

Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
KANNADA			
Baddi Magan Lifu	Shanthala	2427584	4 Shows
Avane Srimannarayana	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
	Sangam	2520494	4 Shows
	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
Odeya	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
HINDI			
Tanhaji: The Unsung Warrior	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
TAMIL			
Darbar	Lido	2420885	4 Shows
	Lakshmi	2443584	4 Shows
Bigil	Padma	2521923	4 Shows
Viswasam	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows
TELUGU			
Sarileru Neekevvaru	Prabha	2423569	4 Shows
	Sterling	2481170	4 Shows
Ala Vaikunthapurramloo	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows
	Mahadeshwara	9986022634	4 Shows
----	Uma	2520009	4 Shows
----	Skyline	2481170	4 Shows
----	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	4 Shows

DRC CINEMAS — PH: 4240422, 4241800

Chhapaak (H)	(S-1)	11.00 am
	(S-2)	4.00 pm
	(S-3)	1.15 pm
Tanhaji: The Unsung Warrior (H-3D)	(S-1)	1.30 pm
Tanhaji: The Unsung Warrior (H-2D)	(S-1)	4.05 pm, 9.55 pm
Sarileru Neekevvaru (Te)	(S-1)	6.40 pm
	(S-3)	3.40 pm
	(S-4)	9.45 am, 10.00 pm
Avane Srimannarayana (K)	(S-2)	6.30 pm; (S-3) 9.50 am
Good Newwz (H)	(S-2)	10.15 am
Darbar (Ta)	(S-4)	1 pm, 4 pm 7 pm
Ala Vaikunthapurramloo	(S-2)	12.50 pm, 9.55 pm
	(S-3)	9.50 am, 6.50 pm

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Darbar (Ta)	(S-1)	3.40 pm
	(S-2)	12.30 pm, 6.25 pm, 9.45 pm
	(S-3)	9.45 am
	(S-4)	2.30 pm
Tanhaji: The Unsung Warrior (H-3D)	(S-1)	9.50 am, 12.40 pm, 6.50 pm, 9.50 pm
Chhapaak (H)	(S-2)	9.55 am, 3.45 pm
	(S-3)	7.15 pm, 9.55 pm
Avane Srimannarayana (K)	(S-3)	3.40 pm
	(S-4)	10.50 am, 5.55 pm, 9.40 pm
Good Newwz (H)	(S-3)	12.50 pm

PVR CINEMAS — www.pvrcinemas.com

Chhapaak (H)	8.35 am, 1.15 pm, 4.00 pm
	6.45 pm, 9.50 pm
Tanhaji: The Unsung Warrior (H)	9.25 am, 12.50 pm, 3.40 pm
	6.35 pm, 7.05 pm, 9.30 pm
Darbar (Ta)	9.30 am, 9.55 am, 12.20 pm
	3.45 pm, 10:00 pm
Avane Srimannarayana (K)	11.20 am, 6.05 pm, 9.30 pm
Good Newwz (H)	3.05 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

Students showcase 'Sahasa'

First-of-its-kind adventure sports contest held

Mysuru, Jan. 14- Purna Chetana Public School in city had organised an adventure sports competition, 'Sahasa 2020' for the students of various schools of Mysuru district recently.

The competition aimed at making children understand the importance of physical health and making them creative through adventure sports.

The inter-school adventure sports competition 'Sahasa' was conducted at the adventure sports theme park of the school, Fear Factor.

Physical Education Director of University of Mysore T.S. Ravi was the chief guest of the event. Students from various schools participated enthusiastically.

WINNERS

Purna Chetana Public School won first prize in Low Rope Race, Hari Vidyalaya won second prize and Podar International School won third prize.

In High Rope Race, Purna Chetana Public School won first prize, Hari Vidyalaya won second prize and Mahajana Public School won third prize.

In Slush-Field Tug-of-War, Hari Vidyalaya won first prize, Purna Chetana second prize and Podar International School third prize.

Purna Chetana Public School won Overall Championship.

EVENTS TODAY (JAN. 14)

District Kannada Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru and Karnataka Vichara Vedike, Mysuru: Nudi Namana to Dr. M. Chidanandamurthy, Dr. T.V. Venkatachalashastry, Dr. C.P. Krishna Kumar, Dr. Malali Vasanthakumar, Dr. Padma Shekar, Prof. Maleyur Guruswamy, Dr. Y.D. Rajanna, Maddikere Gopal, M. Chandrashekar and Dr. Hirimarali Dhammaraju will be present, District Kannada Sahitya Bhavana, Vijayanagar 1st Stage, **5 pm.**

Hebbar Sri Vaishnava Upasabha, KR Vanam: Discourse on 'Tiruppavai Kalakshepa' by Dr. N.K. Ramaseshan, Sri Ramamandira, Krishnamurthypuram, **6.15 pm to 7.30 pm.**

Sanatana Sabha: Discourse on 'Srimad Valmiki Ramayana' by Vid. G.N. Bhatta, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **6.15 pm to 8 pm.**

Sri Venugopalaswamy Temple, Tyagaraja Road: Tirupavai Discourse by Vid. M.K. Shelvanarayana, Sanskrit Lecturer, Sharada Vidya Mandira, Temple premises, **7 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (JAN. 15)

Anokhi Garden: Art Expo by Mukund Swamy, alumnus of CAVA (Chamarajendra Academy of Visual Arts), Anokhi Garden, 408, Contour Road, near Adithya Hospital, Gokulam, 3rd Stage, **8 am to 5 pm.**

Kailasapuram, Hattu Janagala Sri Rama Mandira Jeernoddhara Samiti: Makara Sankranti, 85th Annual Sri Rama Puja Mahotsava, MLA L. Nagendra inaugurates, MLC R. Dharmasena, Congress leader Harish Gowda, Corporators Rangaswamy and Sridhar chief guests, journalist R. Vijay special invitee, **11.30 am;** Mahamangalarati and Prasada Viniyoga, Sri Rama Mandira, Kailasapuram, Mandi Mohalla, **2 pm.**

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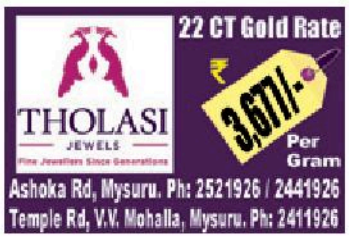

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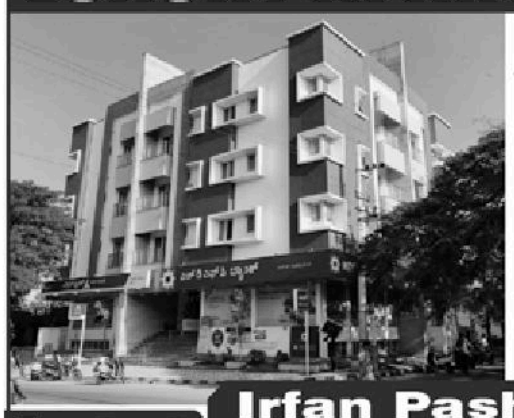
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